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SUBJECT: RUSSIA DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION ON THE UNESCO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL ELECTION

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We delivered reftel points on December 19 to the Executive Secretary of the MFA's Commission on UNESCO Affairs, Grigoriy Ordzhonikidze, who said that the GOR did not yet have a position on Egyptian Minister of Culture Frouk Hosni's candidacy for UNESCO Director-General. He stressed that the GOR was still undecided as to whom to support for the position, despite the fact that Hosni had said in a public statement that Russia would support his candidacy. Ordzhonikidze said that the GOR understood that Lithuania and Bulgaria would be nominating candidates, and he looked forward to discussing with us the merits of these and other possible candidates in the coming year.

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